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SUBJECT: REPUBLICAN PLATFORM'S CHINA PLANK

REF: STATE 202988

1. TO DATE NEITHER THE OPEN CHINESE MEDIA NOR NCNA'S "NEWS FROM FOREIGN AGENCIES AND PRESS," PUBLISHED DAILY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY, HAVE REPORTED TEXT OF REPUBLICAN PLATFORM'S FINAL CHINA PLANK (REFTEL). HOWEVER, AUGUST 13 "NEWS FROM FOREIGN AGENCIES AND PRESS" RUNS AUGUST 11 UPI STORY OUT OF KANSAS CITY WHICH PROVIDES BLOW-BY-BLOW ACCOUNT OF MANEUVERING WITHIN PLATFORM SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS. THAT PIECE CONCLUDED WITH FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF TAIWAN ISSUE. QUOTE FORD WON ANOTHER VICTORY WHEN THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED 11-5 FOR COMPROMISE LANGUAGE SUPPORTING TAIWAN. THE TAIWAN ISSUE WAS NOT AS CLEAR CUT FOR FORD BECAUSE SEVERAL REAGAN DELEGATES CROSSED OVER TO VOTE FOR IT. THE AMENDMENT DID NOT GO AS FAR AS CONSERVATIVES WANTED BECAUSE IT DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION MAINTAINING THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH TAIWAN, NOR DID IT MAKE A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO NOT HARMING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. UNQUOTE.

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2. AUGUST 15 EDITION OF "NEWS FROM FOREIGN AGENCIES AND PRESS"

CARRIES UPI STORY DATELINED KANSAS CITY AUGUST 14 CONTAINING  
PASSAGE QUOTE...THE FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGE BY RONALD  
REAGAN'S MOST CONSERVATIVE SUPPORTERS SUCCEEDED IN  
UNCOVERING A DEEP REPUBLICAN RESENTMENT TOWARD THE APPROACH  
OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. UNQUOTE. THE UPI  
STORY ADDRESSES ISSUES OF PANAMA CANAL, AFRICA AND DETENTE WITH  
SOVIET UNION BUT NOT REPEAT NOT CHINA POLICY.

3. AUGUST 12 ISSUE OF SAME PUBLICATION CARRIED AUGUST 11 UPI  
STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON CONCERNING REP. WOLFF'S REPORT ON  
CHINA VISIT. THE ARTICLE QUOTES REP. WOLFF AS SAYING QUOTE I  
DO NOT THINK THAT WORKING TOWARD NORMALIZATION MEANS SACRI-  
FICING OUR PRINCIPLES--I MEAN OUR COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN....  
(PEKING) RECENTLY REPEATED TO OTHERS THEIR EARLIER STATEMENTS TO  
ME REFUSING TO RULE OUT THE USE OF FORCE TO REGAIN TAIWAN...HOW  
THIS SQUARES WITH OUR TREATY OBLIGATIONS WITH TAIWAN IS STILL  
TO BE RESOLVED. UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT: "NEWS FROM FOREIGN AGENCIES AND PRESS" SOME  
TIMES REFLECTS THE CONTENTS OF THE RESTRICTED-CIRCULATION  
"REFERENCE NEWS." WE ASSUME THAT IN ANY CASE "REFERENCE  
NEWS" HAS TRANSLATED ENOUGH COVERAGE OF DEBATE OVER THE  
REPUBLICAN PLATFORM CHINA PLANK SO THAT SEVERAL MILLION  
CHINESE ARE WELL-INFORMED ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY.  
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